

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on People with Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to including additional self-advocates on the autism spectrum disorders advisory board

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 13.42 of the mental hygiene law,  
2 as added by chapter 469 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 (a) There is hereby established within the office the autism spectrum  
5 disorders advisory board. Such board shall consist of [~~nineteen~~] twenty-four  
6 members, [~~ten~~] fifteen of whom shall be appointed and nine of  
7 whom shall serve ex officio. Of the [~~ten~~] appointed members, [~~two~~]  
8 three shall be appointed by the governor, [~~two~~] three shall be appointed  
9 by the temporary president of the senate, [~~two~~] three shall be appointed  
10 by the speaker of the assembly, [~~two~~] three shall be appointed by the  
11 minority leader of the senate and [~~two~~] three shall be appointed by the  
12 minority leader of the assembly. Of the [~~two~~] three members appointed by  
13 each appointing authority, one member shall have expertise of work as a  
14 professional in the field of autism [~~and~~], one member shall be a family  
15 advocate [~~or~~] and one member shall be a self-advocate in the community  
16 that such advocate resides. A representative from each of the following  
17 state agencies shall serve ex officio: the office for people with developmental  
18 disabilities; the department of education; the office of mental  
19 health; the office of children and family services; the department of  
20 health; the developmental disabilities planning council; the council on  
21 children and families; and the office of vocational and educational  
22 services for individuals with disabilities. The chair of the board shall  
23 be selected by the governor.  
24 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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